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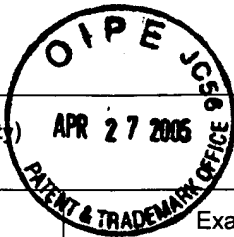
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Image Forming Apparatus Integrating Sheet Postprocessing Apparatus

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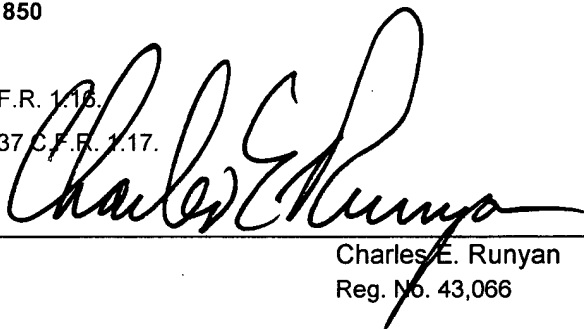
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Dear Examiner Mackey:

This responds to the Office Action dated March 7, 2005.

Claim amendments begin at page 2.

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